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SUBJECT: FURTHER ON MEKONG INCIDENTS

REF: A) BANGKOK 21695 B) BANGKOK 21580

1. OFFICER FROM CONSULATE UDORN TRAVELLED TO NAKHON PHANOM OCTOBER 15 TO INVESTIGATE LATEST INCIDENTS IN WHICH LAO GUNNERS FIRED ON THAI PATROL CRAFT OCTOBER 12 (REF A). ACCORDING TO ROYAL THAI NAVY SOURCES IN NAKHON PHANOM, 47 SUCH INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED SINCE APRIL 1 ON THAT PORTION OF THE MEKONG RIVER FORMING THAILAND'S EASTERN BORDER.

2. LATEST INCIDENTS REPORTEDLY FOLLOWED PATTERN IN WHICH THAI PATROL BOAT TAKES FIRE FROM FIXED POSITIONS ON LAO SIDE OF THE BANK. EXCEPT FOR INCIDENT NEAR LOEI (REF B), LAO BOATS HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED. GENERALLY, THE THAI CRAFT HAVE INCURRED FEW CASUALTIES AND ONLY OCCASIONAL DAMAGE. IN OCTOBER 12 CLASHES, ONE SAILOR WAS WOUNDED IN THE HAND.

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3. NAVAL COMMANDER IN THE NAKHON PHANOM AREA HAS

SUSPENDED OPERATIONS TEMPORARILY BUT HOPES TO RESUME
PATROLLING OCTOBER 16. HE STATED HIS INTENTION TO TRAVEL
TO BANGKOK SOON TO TRY TO GET FURTHER POLICY GUIDANCE IN
CASE THERE IS A REPETITION OF THESE INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER AS REQUIRED.
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